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**SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.**

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

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**A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A QUALITY OF  
SERVICE IN A MULTI-LAYER NETWORK ELEMENT**

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